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# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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## WASHINGTON, DC

### Faculty Senate Research Committee Standing Committee Interim Report

**Meetings:** The Faculty Senate Research Committee holds monthly meetings on the first Friday of every month from 12pm-1pm in SEH 2000. Webex is offered for all members who cannot attend in person. The committee has met as a whole four times this Fall semester.

**Research Ecosystem:** The agenda for the Faculty Senate Research Committee has centered around the first phase of the Research Ecosystem Review. The Committee embarked on an examination of the Research Ecosystem; both in the present form and potential for development to support the University in its quest to be a global preeminent research institution. The first phase of the review included four groups as voted on by the Committee in the Spring of 2018.

1. Pre-award system
2. Award set up and post-award system
3. Research Integrity and Compliance
4. Non-Sponsored Research and Scholarship.

Working groups solicited representation from each of the schools/colleges as well as administrative personnel that are actively involved in each of the four working group processes.

Each working group establish goals and objectives for the working group to achieve in a delimited timespan from September 17<sup>th</sup> (Kick off) to November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (draft report due) with a presentation to the committee as a whole on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Each working group had a corresponding leader who provided guidance and feedback to the Committee. Each Working Group was responsible for the presentation of a brief (5-7 page) report outlining the current present landscape and potential areas for development to support the University in its quest to be a global preeminent research institution.

**Tobacco Funding at GWU:** The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has tasked this committee with looking into and discussing the role of tobacco funding at the university. After lengthy discussion, the Committee voted to not ban tobacco funding. However, in a subsequent meeting a copy of the “Statement on the Foundation for a Smoke Free World” (found <https://www.jhsph.edu/about/dean-mackenzie/news/smoke-free-world.html>) was put for consideration. The statement is a consensus statement stemming from the World Health Organization and other organizations that support smoking prevention and tobacco control efforts in the United States and around the world have pledged not to work with the Foundation for a Smoke-Free World. The committee discussed the statement and supported the GWSPH in seeking the consensus of the school faculty to sign on in support.

#### Upcoming Agenda Items

Faculty Senate Executive Committee has requested this committee examine the following in the 2018-2019 academic year: (1) Coordinate with the Office of the Provost on data gathering for the strategic initiative on improving research at the university, to include Pre-Award and Material Transfer and graduate student funding. (2) Investigate the effects of the HR Classification System on hiring of research staff. (3) Monitor other issues that arise in data gathering associated with #1 above.